

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Deputy Chief, Personnel Security Division DATE: 4 October 1962

FROM : (L. H. Payne)⁹³SUBJECT: CONEIN, Lucien Emile
#5025

1. SI clearance recommendation has been requested concerning Subject.

2. Subject served in a military capacity with the Agency and its predecessors from 1943 to 1956. Since his retirement from the military in 1961 Subject has been assigned in FE Division as a Career Agent, GS-13. Investigations were conducted concerning Subject by OSS in 1943 and CIA in 1948, and NAC's were completed in 1961. He was polygraphed with favorable results in 1951 and 1953 and the last polygraph in 1961 revealed noteworthy information which pertains to Subject's attempt at smoking opium on two occasions while stationed in Indo China in 1945. * see below

3. Subject was born in France of French-born parents and acquired U. S. citizenship in 1942. His mother was naturalized a U. S. citizen in 1959. Subject has one brother who is a French citizen, residing in France, concerning whom Subject in 1953 reported no personal contact since 1946 or 1947. His present wife was born in Vietnam of French-born parents and acquired U. S. citizenship in 1959. Subject reportedly has no contact with his father-in-law who retains his French citizenship and resides in New Caledonia. Subject's father and mother-in-law are deceased.

4. In addition to the above relatives, Subject was married at Paris in 1946 to Monique Veber, a native-born French citizen of French parents. Subject divorced Miss Veber in December 1947. Subject advised during 1951 polygraph that Miss Veber had been sympathetic to Communism; however, no further amplification was made (Cf. Memo 29 Oct. 1951). In 1962 IO Division reported that Miss Veber was the mistress of an individual in whom IO Division²⁴ had expressed an interest and it was "rumored" that Monique Veber's family might be involved in some kind of Commie-type activity. It is noted that a Source K check in 1961 reflects information that one Monique Veber, the mistress of Gabriel d'Arboussier, was temporarily residing with Ruben Um Nyobe, Secretary General of Union of Cameroon Peoples.

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5. The French citizenship of Subject's brother and father-in-law is not believed to preclude SI consideration in view of Subject's limited association with them. Subject's former relationship with Monique Veber and the possible involvement of her family in Communist activity are not believed to bar SI consideration in the absence of information indicating his former relatives could constitute a source of pressure. It is recommended, therefore, that:

- A. No objection be interposed to Subject's clearance for SI information
- B. OCI be advised of the information concerning Subject's foreign relatives.

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* It is to be noted that even though his summary listed in "career agent" he is certainly a special type of contract employee

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